(ii) to undertake, organise and facilitate study courses conferences, seminars, lectures and research in matters relating to different cultural patterns of the world;

(iii) to undertake, facilitate and provide for the publication of newsletters, research papers and books and of a journal for the exposition of cultural patterns and values prevailing in different parts of the world;

(iv) to establish and maintain libraries and information services to facilitate the study of world cultures and spreading information in regard thereto;

(v) to constitute or cause to be constituted regional centres at convenient places in India to promote the objectives of the Society;

(vi) to co-operate with approved institutions and interested bodies for the purposes of helping the cause of understanding amongst peoples of different cultures;

(vii) to organise and maintain, as far as possible on no-profit no-loss basis, limited residential accommodation, with cultural and educational amenities, for the members of the Society coming to participate in the activities of the Society and of other bodies with cognate objectives, as well as non-members specially invited to participate in the activities of the Society;

(viii) to invite, as and when feasible cultural leaders, scholars, scientists and creative artists, who may or may not be members of the Society, to take advantage of the facilities offered by the Society;

(ix) to establish for the management and administration of all the properties, moneys assets and activities of the Society, a Trust consisting of 7 trustees, 3 of whom shall be life trustees and the remaining two elected one by individual members (except Associate and honorary) and the other by institutional members (except Corporate Associate);

(x) to issue appeals and applications for money and funds in furtherance of the said objects and to accept gifts, donations and subscriptions of cash and securities and of any property either movable or immovable;

(xi) to invest and deal with funds and moneys of the Society and to vary, alter or to transpose such investments from time to time;

(xii) to purchase or otherwise acquire or take on lease or hire in the Union Territory of Delhi or outside temporarily or permanently, any movable or immovable property necessary or convenient for the furthtrance of the objects of the Society;

(xiii) to sell, mortgage, lease exchange and otherwise transfer or dispose of or deal with all or any property, movable or immovable, of the Society for the furtherance of the objects of the Society;

(xiv) to construct, maintain, alter, improve or develop any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society;

(xv) to undertake and accept the management of any endowment or Trust fund or donation with objects similar to the objects of the Society;

(xvi) to establish a provident fund for the benefit of the employees of the Society;

(xvii) to offer prizes and to grant scholarships and stipends in furtherance of the objects of the Society; and

(xviii) to do, or get done, all such other lawful things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects.

Complaint of Indians against Foreign Embassies/Missions

504. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry are receiving numerous com-

plaints from a broad spectrum of Indian citizen against the acts of omission and commission by employees and officers of foreign embassies and missions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his ministry is very hesistant to communicate such complaints to their respective Governments for action;

(c) what is the aavilable machinery for Indian citizens to obtain justice in their dealings with foreign missions; and

(d) number of complaints pending with his ministry from Indian citizens specifically against foreign missions located in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A few complaints from locally-recruited Indian employees of foreign Missions in New Delhi have been received.

(b) and (c) All such complaints are taken up by the Ministry with the concerned Missions and if need be, the Governments, in order to obtain justice for the Indian citizens.

(d) Due action has been taken in each case.

Kachhativu Island

505. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pledge by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the last Independence Day regarding Kachhativu Island which is under the possession of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether this disputed Island was handed over as a part of treaty to Sri Lanka; if so, when and how;

(d) whether the right of usage is available to Indian fishermen under the treaty; if so, whether this treaty is violated unilaterally; and

(e) how Government propose to settle this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. Attention of the Government has been drawn to press reports on the statement of 15 August 1991, by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Kachhativu.

(b) to (e) There is no change in the Government's position with regard to the Indo-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Agreements of 1974 and 1976. While according to the Agreement of 1974, Kachhativu lies on the Sri Lanka side of the International Boundary Line, the two Agreements provide that fishing by the respective country's fishermen will be confined to their side of the International Boundary Line. However, traditional rights of our fishermen, understood to mean access to Kachhativu for drying their nets, for resting and for pilgrimage, were safeguarded under the Agreements, Government have regularly taken up with the Government of Sri Lanka the need to restore these rights, which have remained suspended since 1982 due to the security situation in the North-East Sri Lanka.

Observations of U. S. Ambassador to Pakistan

506. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the reported observations of the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Robert